Briefing by Home Ministry Officials to BJP Office Bearers

2502. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to newsitem "Government gives BJP talking points on terror law" published in the Times of India, dated 7th November, 2001; and

(b) whether it is a fact that Home Ministry Officials briefed BJP President and General Secretary on necessity of POTO?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) An informal meeting was convened in Home Ministry to brief a group of Ministers about the Prevention of Terrorism Ordinance, 2001. In this meeting, Shri J. Krishnamoorty, President and Shri Sunil Shastri, General Secretary of the BJP were also present.

NCT dues to Tamil Nadu for the deployment of Special Police Battalion in Tihar Jail

2503. SHRI S. NIRAIKULATHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the amount, the National Capital Territory of Delhi, has to pay to Tamil Nadu on account of the deployment of Tamil Nadu Special Police Battalion on ex-State duty at Tihar Jail, New Delhi; and

(b) when this amount is likely to be paid?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) As per the information furnished by the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi, an amount of Rs. 66,85,85,34V-pertaining to the period from 1st October, 1992 to 31st March, 2000 is outstanding.

(b) It is the endeavour of the Government to settle these dues in consultation with the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi as expeditiously as possible.

Unearthing of ISI network by Delhi Police

2504. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Police have unearthed an ISI marked Militant Criminal network plan to cause blasts in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it has been taken up with the US and Pakistan; and

(d) if so, their reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) Six criminals belonging to Bhupendra Tyagi gang were arrested by Delhi Police on 4th May, 2001 and arms and ammunitation, bullet-proof jackets, mobile phones and counterfeit currency of Rs. 25,000 was recovered from them. These criminals were reportedly engaged by Pak ISI. In addition, during the year 2001 (upto 30th November, 2001), Delhi Police apprehended 11 terrorists trained in Pakistan and one terrorist trained in Afghanistan, of whom five were Pakistani nationals.

(c) and (d) The Government have on several occasions taken up with the Government of Pakistan the issue of its sponsorship of cross-border terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir and other parts of the country. However, Pakistan's sponsorship of terrorism has continued unabated.

Confiscating the properties of Smugglers

†2505. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.